

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-9 remain pending in this application with claims 1 and 9 being amended and claims 10-16 being cancelled by this response.

### **Objection to Claims 1-16**

Claims 1-16 are objected to as being unclear. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended to be clearly directed to the anchor. All other remaining claims are dependent on claim 1 and are directed to an anchor. In view of the amendments to claims 1 and 9, it is respectfully submitted that this objection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

### **Rejection of Claims 9-15 under 35 USC 103(a)**

Claims 9-15 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reichert in view of McCandless. Claim 16 has been indicated as allowable. Claim 9 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 10-16. Claims 10-16 have been cancelled. In view of the amendments to claim 1 to include the limitations of allowable claims 10-16 it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is now allowable. In view of the amendments to claim 1 and the cancellation of claims 10-16, it is further respectfully submitted that this rejection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

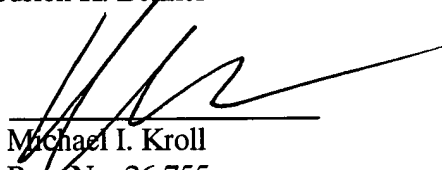
As all claims now pending are allowable, it is respectfully requested that this application now be allowed to issue.

Should the Examiner consider necessary or desirable any formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawings, then it is respectfully asked that such changes be made by Examiner's amendment, if the Examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance.

Alternatively, should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance and issuance, he is cordially invited to contact Mr. Michael Kroll, Esq. at 171 Stillwell Lane, Syosset, New York 11791, telephone number (516) 367-7777, so that the present application can receive an early notice of allowance. The address and telephone number for Michael I. Kroll stated above is as listed on the original Power of Attorney.

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